

PATENT APPLICATION

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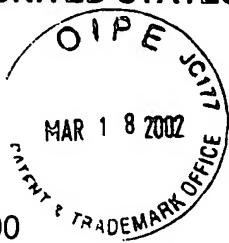
In re application of

O'Brien, et al.

Appln. No. 10/014,700

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For: Porous Polyethylene Membrane

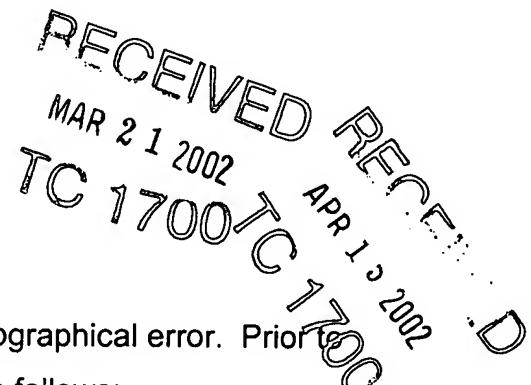


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is offered to correct a typographical error. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. A marked-up version of the amended paragraph is attached in APPENDIX A: "SPECIFICATION MARKED-UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-7, with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/837,673, filed April 18, 2001, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/079,807, filed May 15, 1998, now abandoned, the entire disclosures of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

✓ U.S. Serial No. 10/014,700

Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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